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Dear Sir or Madam,

DRAFT WOODLAND CREATION PROPOSALS – NETHER GLENLAIR

We have been asked to draw up new woodland creation proposals for land at Nether Glenlair, near Parton. The site extends to around 135 hectares, and the proposals include for approximately 99 hectares of planting (73% of the site). Previously, the site extended to 182 ha, 47 ha of which are being sold.

The objectives behind the woodland planting include timber production in the main, and carbon sequestration through woodland establishment. To achieve these objectives, the proposals include for the planting of Sitka spruce (57% of the planting); diverse conifers, such as Douglas fir, Norway spruce and Scots pine (13%); and native broadleaved woodland (27%). We have attached copy of the current draft design for your consideration, showing the location of the proposed planting.

The design has been informed by a suite of specialist surveys (vegetation, breeding birds, soil types, peat depth and archaeology) and initial scoping with statutory bodies (such as NatureScot, SEPA, and Dumfries and Galloway Council).

It is proposed that the planted trees will be protected by deer fencing around the woodland's perimeter. Public access will be facilitated throughout the woodland, in line with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

We would welcome any feedback you may have on the potential for woodland creation in this area. If you are able to comment or have any other information that may assist in the preparation of our proposals, please write, email or phone us by 14th December. If this date is not practical, please let us know. Similar correspondence has been sent to properties in the locality, as well as to Parton Community Council, Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham Community Council, and Crossmichael and District Community Council.

Alternatively or additionally, you may wish to attend a drop-in event, which will be held at Parton Village Hall on the 14th November. The hall will be open between 3pm and 7pm. There will be Scottish Woodlands staff attending, and hopefully an Officer from Scottish Forestry.

When the proposals are finalised, an application will be submitted to Scottish Forestry for their assessment, and they will formally consult with a range of statutory bodies. If and when they are content with our proposals, they will place the application on their Public Register <https://casebook.forestry.scot/w/webpage/prhome>.

Please note that all comments received, and our responses, will be made available to Scottish Forestry.

Yours faithfully,



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